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References AA and AB listed on the form 1449 are foreign counterparts to U.S. Patent No. 5,340,480, which previously was considered by the Examiner in connection with this application.

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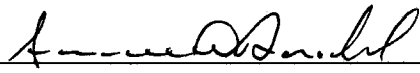
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